

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF TERRORISM ON TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Governments of United Kingdom and Australia have advised their tourist to take precautions before visiting India due to terrorist threat ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the effect of such advice on inflow of tourist and loss of foreign exchange; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : Tourists have been advised to exercise caution and be vigilant while traveling to India.

(c)and(d) : No negative impact has come to notice of the Ministry. Tourist arrivals and Foreign exchange earnings during the month of January and February have increased as detailed below :

Tourist arrivals:

Month	2006	2007	% increase
January	444260	514453	15.8%
February	407198	462578	13.6%

Foreign exchange earnings (Rs. in Crore):

Month	2006	2007	% increase
January	2722.07	3299.51	21.2%
February	5358.05	6303.46	14%

Notwithstanding the travel advisories the major tour operators, travel media and consumers overseas are being briefed on a regular basis about the ground realities.